



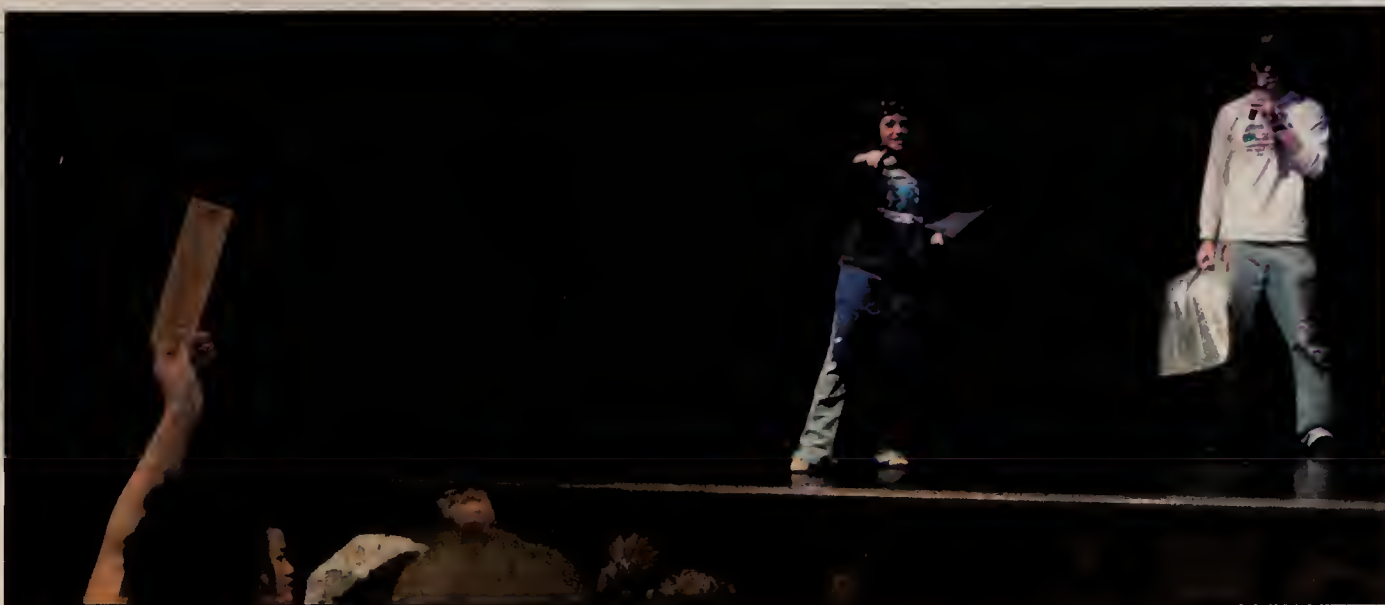
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Heather Glass and Mike Mertz, co-marketing directors for Service Trips, act as the auctioneers for the service trip date auction held Wednesday in the Lyceum. The auction raised over \$900. The event was one of the ways service trips have been working to raise funds.



Service Trips dig to find ways to raise final \$2,500

ZIRRA BANU STAFF WRITER

Service trips still need to raise about \$2,500 and policy states that if trips are under-funded, they will have to be called off, adviser of Wartburg College service trips Renee Sedlacek said.

The total budget for the service trips exceeds \$75,000. On Feb. 3 Service Trips had over \$27,000 left to raise, according to an e-mail sent to participants.

"Students seem enthusiastic about their trips, but we have generally failed to raise enough money so far," Sedlacek said.

Different techniques have been employed to raise more money this year, including a service trip date auction, which raised \$900. Many other activities have also been organized including a spaghetti luncheon, an

international dinner and even a rock show.

"Our trip has tried various activities to raise money, but things so far have been going quite slowly," said service trip participant, Rumbidzai Teramayi.

Participants are expected to raise about 80 percent of their funds from request letters and this year, there have been low replies to such requests.

"It might be due to the economic downturn of the past few months," Sedlacek said. "It seems people have a lot less to give out since they have little money to spend."

This year, there are 13 service trips going out to different locations around the U.S., from California to West Virginia. These trips volunteer for a

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Treasurer-elect resigns

LUKE SHANNO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Treasurer-elect David Whalen resigned his position as a student senate executive officer late last week.

Student Body President Travis Bockenstedt said Whalen notified Bockenstedt that he would not have second-year standing by May, which is a requirement under the senate constitution. Therefore, he would be ineligible to fill the role of treasurer.

"Prior to last Thursday afternoon, I was under the impression that I was in fact eligible. I respect the rules of Senate, so when I realized there were eligibility issues I notified student body president Bockenstedt of them.

"My confusion of my eligibility was a mistake on my part and I apologize to the Senate and Wartburg students for that," Whalen said in a statement to the Trumpet.

"My resignation in no way diminishes my desire to continue to serve the students of Wartburg as a senator and to help the current and future executive teams in any manner I can," Whalen said.

"Whalen has a lot to offer to the Wartburg community and student senate," Bockenstedt said. "I hope to see him run for

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'The W' electricity usage is a concern in energy challenge

JACKIE ALBRECHT NEWS EDITOR

Despite efforts made by EARTH and other Wartburg students throughout the month of February, Wartburg estimates a 2 percent increase in electricity since last year while competing in the Sustainability Challenge against Luther.

One of the main factors responsible for the energy increase is "The W," co-coordinator of the Sustainability Challenge Eric Dreibelbeis said.

"The W" at the time wasn't fully operational last year. So, that could be pulling a little bit more energy," Dreibelbeis said.

The increase, however, is lower than the increase in electricity seen last year, which Dreibelbeis said was close to 12-15 percent.

The past two weeks have focused on turning off lights and turning down the heat in buildings around campus.

Prizes and discounts were used to raise awareness about sustainability. The bookstore offered 20 percent off sweatshirts and blankets to help promote "Bundle Up" week.

The main goal of this was to educate students on energy conservation. See CHALLENGE FOCUSES page 2

Trumpet will not publish until after break

The Trumpet's next issue will be published Monday, March 16. The Trumpet staff will be attending a newspaper conference in Minneapolis next weekend. Check The Circuit at www.wartburgcircuit.org for news updates. We appreciate your readership.

Compost pile formed to deter deer from campus

ASHLEY EVANS STAFF WRITER

Wartburg dining services created a compost pile to direct deer to a different area to stop them from eating trees on campus. It will also save energy and dispose waste in a more eco-friendly way, Margaret Empie, director of dining services, said.

The Mensa, bakery and Den began collecting food waste that is created during the preparation of meals, like melon rinds and tomato cores, at the beginning of the semester. The new compost pile reflects Wartburg's "go green" attitude.

"It's important to be thinking of the environment as we work," Empie said. "The compost pile will positively affect our energy bill and make some nice compost for Wartburg to use on their gardens."

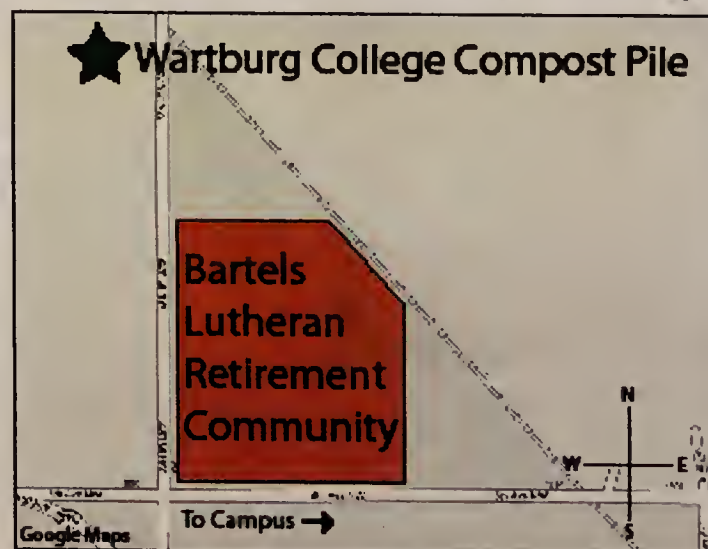
The kitchen staff collects waste

on weekdays, excluding eggshells and coffee grounds, in five gallon buckets. The three dining areas average five to 12 buckets each day, Empie said.

This collection of waste saves

energy, Empie said, because it eliminates the time the garbage disposal has to run. It also cuts back on the amount of water being used in the kitchen.

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Graphic by Luke Shanno

NEWS

Choir candidates to visit Wartburg

JACKIE ALBRECHT NEWS EDITOR

Three candidates will visit Wartburg in the upcoming weeks to interview for the choral director position.

While on campus the candidates will participate in a variety of events that will not only familiarize the candidates with Wartburg, but the Wartburg community with these candidates.

The candidates will teach a conducting class, rehearse with Ritterchor and Wartburg Choir, tour campus and meet with many people including: the search committee, members of the music department, Dean Ferol Menzel, President William Hamm and students.

Chair of the music department Karen Black said the search is going well and hopes to have the search completed by early March.

"We had many qualified and experienced candidates. The search committee has spent a lot of time reviewing applicant materials, viewing submitted DVDs from the conductors and talking with six candidates via phone interviews," Black said.

A choral director search began during the fall when Paul Torkelson notified Wartburg he would not be returning to campus after his one-year sabbatical.

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Bockenstedt to suggest making an amendment in constitution

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office in the future."

Bockenstedt said the next step is for student body president-elect Abhay Nadipuram and student body vice president-elect Trevor Carolan to appoint someone to that position for next year. Senate will then follow the appointment with a vote of the entire senate to see if that person will serve in the vacant office.

Bockenstedt said that he will

be making a recommendation to Nadipuram and Carolan that an amendment is written into the constitution next year for students running for executive office to be cleared by the registrar, showing they have met all requirements for the executive positions.

Whalen defeated Eric Dreibelbeis in the election for treasurer by a 527 to 500 vote.

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Challenge focuses on water usage

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tion and kind of have a paradigm shift in the way students think about energy. ... We think we've gotten a lot of students involved who would normally not have been involved," Dreibelbeis said.

The Sustainability Challenge has received some criticisms from faculty and staff concerning messages placed in The Page.

"They think that some of the ideas we've picked to post in The Page weren't very serious and reflected poorly upon what we were trying to do. I personally believe the way we're running it is bringing people into this that normally wouldn't," Dreibelbeis said.

This week's theme is "Slow

the Flow." The main goal of the week is to reduce water usage. Dreibelbeis said Iowa does not have to worry about water conservation due to the immense amount of water present in the state.

"We don't necessarily have to worry about conserving it; however, every gallon of water we use in this institution is heated in some way or another. ... If we can cut back the length of time using the shower, we're using less water and less natural gas," Dreibelbeis said.

Luther has yet to release their energy usage percentages for the first two weeks of the challenge.

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Members of Festeburg sing "In the Still of the Night" during the Valentine's Day celebration in the Mensa Thursday evening. Noelle Tripolino also performed harp music during the event hosted by Student Center Council and KWAR hosted the event.

Tour Week trips start to fundraise early

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wide range of issues from poverty to environmental conservation.

"There seems to be a lot more trips than normal out this year, and in large numbers too. Students only pay \$100 and that's only enough to cover transportation to their location.

"There are also other costs such as housing and board, and fundraising is the only way to raise such funds," co-marketing director of service trips Mike

Mertz said.

This year, there were three series of service trips planned for fall, winter and tour week breaks.

So far, some of the trips for tour week have already reached full capacity, which means trips can start fundraising.

"We've been trying to start fund raising for tour week trips early, as we are now aware of the financial difficulties involved," Sedlacek said.

Due to the service trips policies if not enough money has been raised, trips have to be

cut.

"No service trip has ever been cut at Wartburg, and we don't want this year to be the first," Sedlacek said.

Despite still having funds to raise with only two weeks before service trips depart, Sedlacek remains optimistic.

"We have a short time, but if we work together, we can raise the money," she said.

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Students pleased with dining services' efforts

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After the waste is collected, maintenance picks up the buckets and transports it to the compost pile on 20th Street Northwest, at the gate between the railroad tracks and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community.

Empie said the maintenance department has been very cooperative with the project, making time even though they are already busy with projects.

"It's OK because it is only a

little bit of waste per day," she said. "We have to try to make pick-up a normal routine now."

While pre-consumer waste will continue to be composted, plans to add post-consumer waste to the pile do not exist because of sanitary reasons.

It would be ideal for students not to waste their food instead, Empie said.

Some students, like Anna Fagre, are excited dining services is finding ways to help the environment.

"I think it's great that

Wartburg has started a new compost pile. Composting is great for the soil and helps prevent pollution," Fagre said.

Other students recognize the new compost pile as part of the recent energy saving efforts on campus.

"I am impressed Wartburg is taking to heart the national movement towards going green and setting a great example of small things each of us can do to help the environment," Cara Rada said.

Dining services plans to check their progress with maintenance in a few weeks before deciding how to proceed.

The compost pile was started to help guide deer away from campus, Empie said, but could be used for landscaping uses in the future.

Empie would eventually like to include other dining areas on campus. For now, she said, dining services is starting small.

"We're just experimenting," Empie said. "But truly, it should save a little bit of energy."

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Editorial

Who says honesty isn't the best policy for politicians?

Who says there isn't an honest politician in our society today?

Student Treasurer-elect David Whalen has resigned his new post.

Whalen said in a statement that he discovered after the election he was ineligible to hold the executive office.

He apologized to both student senate and the students at Wartburg.

The matter of who will be the new treasurer will be handled by student senate on Thursday, student body president Travis Bockenstedt said.

Bockenstedt said he appreciated Whalen's honesty and cooperation.

We agree with Bockenstedt and commend Whalen for his honesty.

It's nice to see an elected official admit to a mistake, especially after the Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich impeachment process and the issues with

President Barack Obama's cabinet.

We see a lot of politicians on the state and federal levels who aren't always honest with their respected constituents.

Whalen didn't have to resign and admit the error, but he chose to on his own free will.

Honesty should be a quality we look for in the leaders we elect to represent us.

We expect our leaders to be honest with us, through the good times and the bad times.

More often than not, it seems as though the representatives we elect to state and national offices aren't necessarily up-front with us.

We all can learn a lot from Whalen's move to resign from the post.

This message includes all elected leaders and constituents responsible for voting them in.

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The energy conservation challenge continues

AMANDA GAHLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

We are entering the third week of February, which means the third week of the Wartburg vs. Luther energy challenge.

I don't know about you, but I have been getting better at wandering through the halls in the dark as we try to save as much electrical energy as possible, in one way by turning off as many lights as possible.

I also have been more conscious of everyday decisions and their effect on the environment.



As I sat down for breakfast in the Mensa last week, I decided to read the latest update on how the Mensa is doing their part in the energy challenge. I am really proud of their efforts.

They are going so far as to turn off the lights between meals when no one is there, keeping the machines powered down until necessary to turn them on and also recycling plastic bags.

At the beginning of the month, new washers were purchased and the number of loads was reduced to cut back on water use.

This energy challenge is a great way for everyone to re-evaluate how we live and how we impact the environment, even by simple everyday actions

such as hitting a light switch and sitting by a window.

I don't know if we need to go so far as to make the first floor of the White House Business Center pitch dark in the middle of the day, but we can all make a difference in one way or another.

After February ends, signaling the close to our energy challenge against Luther, my hope is that Wartburg continues to be energy and environmentally conscious.

There is never too much that can be done to minimize our actions on the environment.

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Settling feuds and arguments with...
More power and less radiation

ANDREW NOSTVICK OP/ED EDITOR

If you're like me, you're tired of the same old arguments.

You're tired of wasting your money in pointless lawsuits and the nice producer lady from "The People's Court" stopped returning your phone calls three weeks ago.

So how should we go about settling feuds and arguments, without resorting to nuclear warfare or a guest spot on "Jerry Springer"?

You have to start exploring all the alternative, cleaner measures of arguments, which means no battery fights.

The first way you can settle your argument is through games you played as a child.

For example, if two people are arguing over who gets the last piece of pineapple chicken pizza, they could settle it through a good old-fashioned game of "Rock, Paper, Scissors."

And if you win, you get to enjoy the pizza and possibly spend half the night in the bathroom.

If you're looking for another child's game to use and you have more than 10 people arguing about the same thing, you can always play Red Rover.

Yes, the same Red Rover, where everybody holds hands in a chain formation and does that stupid chant, "Red Rover, Red Rover, we call [INSERT NAME HERE] over."

The point of the game, for those who don't know, is to try and break the chain.

If you can break the chain,

then you win this pointless game.

Of course, if you're lazy and don't like playing outside, you can always play video games.

You can have a showdown in Madden '09, or you can just duke it out in one of the Halo games.

Personally, I say kick it old school and play Mortal Kombat.

Just don't throw the controller on the ground when you lose.

Another idea is to play "Loser," which is like the basketball game "Horse." Only difference is, if you end up L-O-S-E-R in the game, you lose.

Now, if you're looking to get a little physical, but don't want charges pressed against you, there are plenty of options in this category.

The first one seems like an obvious one to me and that option is pillow fights.

That's right, you can too can hit somebody over the head with a pillow as though you were using a steel chair like in professional wrestling.

Please Note: We do not condone the use of steel chairs or any kind of chairs for that matter in pillow fights, that's why you use pillows.

If violence isn't your thing, you can always have your own Olympics competition.

Granted, it's hard to have a pole vaulting event when you don't have the equipment nor the space.

However, this shouldn't stop you from getting your creative edge on.

Make up your own events why don't ya?

Go to the swimming pool and see how fast a person goes

down the waterslide.

Better yet, you can have a springboard competition to see who has the best springboard moves.

Go to a park and create your own obstacle course event. You can see who goes through the monkey bars the fastest.

Yes, let's see who can eat the most pancakes and hopefully not throw up.

You can try a maple syrup chugging contest. Those are always classic.

Sometimes, you have to do stupid things to avoid potentially serious arguments, which if not careful, can lead to frivolous lawsuits.

This isn't to say lawsuits are bad.

However, when the justice system is abused like the way it has been in years past, you can't help but think something's wrong.

According to a 2006 article in InsidePrisons.com, more than 2 percent of the United States' Gross Domestic Product is from lawsuits.

That is more than \$250 billion, according to the article.

We can't have everybody suing everybody now for the stupidest of reasons. That wouldn't be right to do.

We're better people than that.

The justice system is there to protect us from the injustices we face in our life.

It is not there for us to take advantage of like free samples at Sam's Club.

Just keep this in mind when you have a serious argument.

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Pop culture database is out of this universe

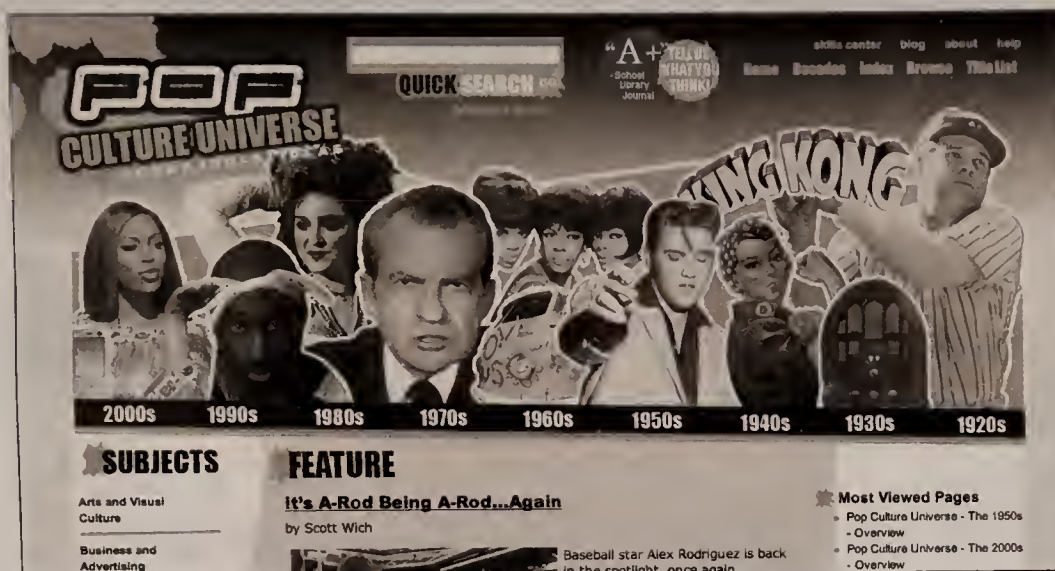
ANDREW NOSTVICK OP/ED EDITOR

The Vogel Library has taken a pop culture route by adding a new online database to its Web site and it is available for all students.

The site, which is called Pop Culture Universe, covers various subjects from the 1920s to today. Subjects for Pop Culture Universe include politics, sports, entertainment, literature and technology.

"Pop Culture Universe really has a lot of color and sort of excitement going on when you're searching in it and just in its basic visual appeal," information literacy librarian Kari Weaver said.

The library decided about a month ago to give the database a trial run and after taking an in-depth look at the database, they got access to it earlier this month,



Pop Culture Universe's homepage features various pop culture topics from decades throughout the twentieth-century. The database also allows users to search content by subject.

Weaver said.

"We really didn't have a collection of reference material that addressed this and there are a number of classes that take a look at those sorts of ideas," Weaver said.

In terms of finding databases, Weaver said it's a better option than Wikipedia because Pop Culture Universe asks scholars, who are experts in those areas, to write the articles on the site.

She said it is also a collection of these reference materials, therefore the authors of the material in the database are people who really know what they're talking

about. In Wikipedia, the information changes over time, which when trying to find something to be authoritative for an assignment is not useful, Weaver said.

"The other thing is that things can't be changed on a whim in Pop Culture Universe," she said. "The same article you get today is going to be the same you get tomorrow unless something dramatic changes."

The subscription has to be renewed yearly, Weaver said. She added that some of the other librarians looked at the database for possible use in other departments.

The site has an overview of each decade including awards, sports moments, new inventions, fads and even new words and phrases.

The database recently won the prestigious Dartmouth Medal from the Reference and User Services Association at an awards ceremony hosted by the American Library Association.

To check out the site, you can type in <http://pop.greenwood.com>, or look for the link on the KnightOwl page of the Vogel Library Web site.

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New Wartburg West program in the works

JASON MEYER STAFF WRITER

Wartburg West, the Denver internship program, will open its doors for post-graduate students.

In the difficult economic situation, internship coordinator Jo Dorrance says the opportunity is a win-win situation.

"You don't need to commit until June 1 and can think of living in Denver through a Wartburg West internship as an option," Dorrance said.

The proposal was developed by Lake Lambert, assistant dean for academic planning.

Wartburg West director Bonita Bock thought the idea was smart.

"It makes all kinds of sense to address a need for internships," Bock said.

She said anyone who wants to attend Wartburg West needs to satisfy their needs for an internship by getting the necessary placement while in Denver. These needs are the same used for any current student attending Wartburg West.

The cost for the apartments is the same for any other student with a program fee of \$150 for the Leadville retreat and other activities.

Dorrance said the decision to open Wartburg West to post graduates will be a year-by-year decision.

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'Be Still' will be the theme for Spiritual Emphasis Week

Pastor Trachte believes his last year as adviser will be special, most memorable yet

JOSH MONIZ STAFF WRITER

This will be Pastor Larry Trachte's final time advising Spiritual Emphasis week and students and faculty are trying to keep it business as usual.

"We've tried really hard not to think of this as my last this or my last that. But honestly, you catch yourself doing it," Trachte said.

Trachte has been involved in Spiritual Emphasis week all 35 years he has served Wartburg.

"I think this one will be special and the one I remember the most, because it's kind of the exclamation mark at the

end of the book," Trachte said.

The theme for this year is "Be Still."

The focus is to find peace and time to talk to God.

"I think this week is important, because all too often, we get so busy

we forget God should be the top of our list," vice president of Campus Ministry and the head of the committee that planned Spiritual Emphasis



Rev. Larry Trachte

week Kelsey Wilson said.

The week kicks off Wednesday with Eucharist.

The week continues Friday at 7 p.m. with an open-mic event held in the McCasky Lyceum.

The Gospel Choir, Hope Overflows, and Psalm 1:49 are scheduled to perform during this event. There will be a follow-up event in the Vineyard Coffee house at Vineyard Church.

Then, a three-on-three basketball tournament fundraiser will be held Saturday in "The W" with proceeds going to Feed My Starving Children.

David Peterson, Luther Seminary, will speak about Postville, and one's responsibility to their neighbor during a chapel service on Sunday.

Also on Sunday, Ed Thomas, the head coach of the Aplington-Parkersburg football team, will speak on his experiences and the loss of the school, the football field and his house in last year's tornado.

"Sunday night is the thing I've been working on most," Trachte said. "He's a great speaker and a very interesting guy."

A Christian band will play at

The Gate Sunday night in the Lyceum in front of as many as 30 different congregations from up to 30 miles from Waverly.

Spiritual Emphasis Week's official events will end Wednesday, Feb. 25 with the Ash Wednesday worship at 10 a.m. That night, the Catholic Knights will hold a stations of the cross healing service.

"It's a very moving, all-campus entrance into the Lenten season," Trachte said.

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Students learn about sexual responsibility

AMANDA MOENK STAFF WRITER

During the lunch hour students were asked if they wanted to take a quiz about sexual responsibility Feb. 10.

Held every year around Valentines' Day, Sexual Responsibility week is a national campaign organized through Baachus & Gamma, an organization that partners with colleges to help raise awareness in students of sexual responsibility.

"If students learn just one thing from this week, then it was a successful week," counselor Molly Wertz said.

To help educate students, a table was set up with information on Gardasil, a cervical cancer vaccine; a quiz to test students' knowledge of sexual responsibility and small giveaways such as magnets and brochures.

"Sex Jeopardy" was also set up in the Mensa from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 11, where prizes and treats were given out to students who answered questions.

"Sexual responsibility is wrapped up into a whole lot of things such as consent by both parties," Wertz said, "and

a new found freedom where alcohol may be involved."

Bringing about awareness to students on campus was a reason to hold Sexual Responsibility Week.

"I hope students stop and think about issues," Stephanie Newsom, the director of Counseling Services, said. "Not only for themselves but for their friends as well."

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The Trumpet takes a look back at the people and the stories of the Waverly flood of 2008.

"Since the severe weather which began on May 25, Iowans have been tested. We have faced the worst natural disaster in our history. This '500-year flood' displaced 40,000 Iowans and disrupted the lives of so many of our fellow citizens.

"But there is more to the story of the floods of 2008 than the damage they caused. For every Iowan who was affected by the storms and flooding, there were countless others who locked arms and came together, to become a calm within the storm. Four thousand brave soldiers and airmen of the Iowa National Guard worked around the clock to fill sandbags, build up levees, and keep communities safe. Thousands of state, county and municipal employees worked overtime. And over 50,000 Iowans volunteered, donating their time and their labor to their neighbors, to help.

"Now, as the focus shifts to the rebuilding efforts, we will once again rely on each other. We are faced with enormous needs statewide, and recovery will take years, not months. But Iowans know hard work, and Iowans know persistence. More than anything, Iowans are resilient and optimistic. These qualities of spirit have strengthened us since our first days, and sustain us today. As we meet this next challenge, I am confident we will rebuild better, stronger and safer than before."

—Iowa Governor Chet Culver

Kittle leads recovery charge

Efforts are labors of love for CCE director and colleagues

PAM RODGERS STAFF WRITER

Last summer's flood damaged the town of Waverly, but with the leadership of Dan Kittle and Wartburg's Center for Community Engagement, Waverly is recovering.

Kittle, director of the CCE, was able to provide the first wave of response through Wartburg but is now working on the long-term efforts through his chair position of the Bremer County Recovery Coalition (BCRC).

"[The flood] has become so much a part of my daily life now ever since June 10. It's something I think about every day. It's a labor of love. It truly is," Kittle said.

Wartburg's Vice President for Administration, Gary Grace, tapped Kittle to get involved with flood relief. Grace's position on the Waverly City Council allowed him to see the potential aid Kittle and the CCE could give to the Waverly community right away.

"It was clear that the city was not set up to respond to connecting volunteers with need in the community. [The CCE] was able to coordinate both the short term volunteer effort and attract volunteer groups from all over the country," Grace said.

Kittle's first job was to design a method to match volunteers with community members who needed assistance. This was done largely through Wartburg, he said.

Through phone calls, e-mails and meetings, Kittle recruited hundreds of students, faculty and staff volunteers to help clean out houses. He also gathered people from departments all over campus to answer the phones for flood victims calling in with their needs.

Organizations like NECHAMA, a Jewish disaster response group, and AmeriCorps were also contacted to aid in the first stage of flood assistance.

"That was the initial part. Then we got more staff involved, more volunteers involved and that enabled me to play that role as a connector, a leader and a visionary," Kittle said.

Kittle said several of his colleagues helped every step of the way.

Renee Sedlacek played a particularly important role in transforming his ideas into action, Kittle said.

"I think one of my strengths is I can create a vision in a time of stress. And my colleague Renee, one of her strengths is creating systems to carry out that vision. That's what makes us such a positive partnership."

The immediate recovery has been completed, and now Kittle has switched roles to the long-term relief through his work on the BCRC. This organization is separate from Wartburg, but Kittle said the mission is seamless with the set up of the CCE.

"What I think we are trying to do and the kinds of things we are doing in the Bremer County Recovery Coalition is social justice as much as service," Kittle said.

Kittle said he believes this is more than just volunteering. It is about doing what is right for those in need and helping them get back to a point of stability.

The BCRC is a local organization that is focused solely on those affected in the area. Kittle said they have focused their efforts beyond the initial clean-up process and have dedicated their efforts to recovery until it is done.

However, Kittle maintains that the possibilities are not limitless.

"People need to understand that our roles are voluntary and our resources are limited. I don't want to bite off more than we can chew, but I also know we need to bite off what needs to be chewed," he said.

The flood relief is far from over but, with Kittle and his organization in place, the Waverly community will not have to look far to find some the help they need.

"He did more than I ever thought he was going to be able to," Grace said.

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- Shantel Leary, Wartburg Alumn



People stand on the Bremer Ave. bridge as water levels in the Cedar River continue to rise in early June. The river eventually crested at a record level of 19.3 feet, nearly three feet over the previous record.



Wartburg alumni live mission through service

Former students lend helping hand with help from AmeriCorps and the CCE

AUSTIN DRAUDE STAFF WRITER

“We started calling hotels in the surrounding areas and they were booked pretty much all the way up to Minnesota.”

- Lara Halverson, Wartburg senior

Battling mud and filth, Wartburg students worked this summer to clean out Waverly homes and help the city's residents recover from Waverly's worst flooding in history.

“The smell of that mud and floodwater was overwhelming,” Sarah Witte said. “There was one house that had all kinds of food in a refrigerator that was never moved out, so the smell of that rotting food is something you don't easily forget.”

Witte, a 2008 Wartburg graduate, was one of 10 students who worked on flood relief efforts for the AmeriCorps program over the summer.

AmeriCorps is a federal government program that partners with non-profit organizations and faith-based agencies, with projects ranging from public education to environmental cleanup, according to the program's Web site. Former President Bill Clinton created the project in 1993.

Witte spent time in the Center for Community Engagement's office coordinating relief efforts, but those she worked with often spent time on the front lines, helping clean up the mess the floodwaters left behind. Witte also spent some time on cleanup duty as well.

“Most were out in houses every day, moving washers, dryers, pulling out floors, walls and all kinds of that work,” Witte said. “The mud, the sand, all the stuff that got left behind when the water went away just caked on everything.”

“It's something that I remember pretty clearly, having to move things that were covered in mud, and you'd come out covered in mud and other things that you probably don't want to think about.”

Shantel Leary, a 2008 graduate, said AmeriCorps students worked a variety of jobs over the summer, from cleaning up flooded homes to removing debris and tearing parts of flooded homes down.

“Some houses were full of muck and mud, and some were still full of water and had no mud,” Leary said.

“We dealt with anything from dead squirrels to hundreds upon hundreds of frogs, massive spiders and dead rats. Some days I would go downstairs, put things in a bucket, go upstairs, dump the bucket out on the pile, throw up and go back down.”

On Tuesday, June 10, the Cedar River crested at 19.3 feet, the highest on record. The previous record was 16.8 feet, set during the city's 1999 floods. By Friday, Witte was hard at work.

“I was there the first weekend that the water started going down and people were just starting to assess the damage,” Witte said.

“It was a crazy weekend. The phone rang off the hook, and we had lots of volunteers and lots of people needing help that weekend. I was scheduled for about 30 hours a week and I usually wound up doing about double that.”

Alumnus Vern Klobassa's days working on debris removal and cleanup for AmeriCorps showed him the true impact of a natural disaster on people's everyday lives.

“We got into the house and it hadn't been touched for about two months, so the basement still had inches of mud,” Klobassa said. “When you go into a house that hasn't been touched, it's really difficult because you really see that this was someone's life. Someone lived here and you're basically carting out their life to the curb to get thrown away.”

During the floods, Leary and Klobassa noted that there were a number of opinions that flew around Waverly regarding the city's response to the floods.

Some said the city wasn't doing what it needed to do to help Waverly's residents cope and move on.

“The City of Waverly was not prepared for this,” Leary said. “I don't think they had the expertise or the knowledge within the system, and they underestimated the levels of the water.”

The city has said that there was no way for them to know that the river could crest that high.

Klobassa also spent several days on cleanup efforts in Cedar Rapids. The experience gave him a different perspective that helped him find a different aspect of the Waverly's response, one that he praised.

“One of the problems that I noticed in Cedar Rapids was that they didn't have any centralized service coordination,” Klobassa said. “We would go out to a house and the homeowner had called three or four different numbers to get aid and we'd get there and they already had people there.”

“Devoting the efforts of the CCE to take on the flood coordination efforts of the entire city is a pretty good demonstration of Wartburg living out its mission of service. Everything that was sent out in Waverly said call the Center for Community Engagement.”

Klobassa directed a group that conducted a needs assessment in the community, and noted that there were plenty of other needs AmeriCorps workers would be asked to fill for Waverly residents. Some of them needed a helping hand, while others simply needed an ear to listen, or a shoulder to cry on.

“Midwest culture says that we don't need help with our problems, that we can take care of our house and get our own house in order,” Klobassa said.

“There were a lot of people who just needed someone to lend that ear and listen, and that's what a number of us did. We listened to their stories because they needed to tell it.”

For Leary, the effects will never fully wear off.

“I will never lift anything that heavy again,” Leary said. “We're talking wet refrigerators and wet furnaces. At the end of the summer we all were He-people. Water is unforgiveable. It is the most destructive element I've ever seen, because it gets everywhere, and it ruins everything.”



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WAVERLY: A LOOK BACK AT THE DISASTER



City Administrator Richard Crayne (left) observes the beginning stages of the flood from Kohlman Park on the west bank of the Cedar River before the river crested on Tuesday, June 10.

Students feel effects of flood

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Even with the rising water, Wartburg senior Lara Halverson wasn't too worried about her house on a June morning she'd never forget. She thought they were far enough away from the river on Sixth Street.

She heard people around town saying the flood would be as bad as the one in 1999, but Halverson and her roommates weren't around then, so they called their landlord.

Halverson and her roommates hauled everything from their basement up to the first floor. She then grabbed a bag of overnight and work clothes and headed to a friend's house.

Halverson and friends ended up staying at a house near the Nestle

plant for a few nights until the water crested.

"The morning after it crested the water was completely gone," she said. "I couldn't get to my house the night before unless it was by boat, but the next day I walked right in my front door. It was so weird."

Four feet of water filled her first floor. One of her basement walls caved in and another wall shifted.

She was able to stay with a friend for the remainder of the summer, but had to move out as Wartburg students began moving back to Waverly.

"I had looked from the week after the flood when I found out we couldn't move back in for the rest of the summer for a place to live," she said.

"I'd get the paper and call, but by

9 in the morning it would already be filled.

"You'd drive around and people would put up 'for rent' signs and literally hours later they would be rented."

Halverson and a roommate were forced to live at friends' houses, in their car and in a storage shed that a friend had rented before the summer started. In September, they found a house and moved in.

"It was really hard driving around Waverly for the next month because people just had their lives on their lawns and everything was brown from the mud and muck," she said.

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- Dan Kittle, Director of the CCE





Debris floats over the dam as water levels continue to rise in the Cedar River. City Hall and the Waverly Water Department sit on the opposite bank as water rushes past.

School crippled by water; students and staff forced to relocate

EMILY SCHMITT KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR

Sitting in the classroom, you hear the bustle of students putting on coats for recess, the teacher's voice next door, a class across the hall singing "Happy Birthday" and the band warming up on the other side of the school.

The sounds race at you from all directions, pouring through the gap between the ceiling and walls. This is what Washington Irving Elementary is like every day this year.

Forced to relocate after last summer's floods destroyed their school, Irving students attend classes in a remodeled strip mall.

The former Irving, sitting on Sixth Street, was doomed when the waters of the Cedar River began churning out of control.

"I was there at 1 a.m., at the height of the flood, just to see how bad it was," Jere Vyverberg, Waverly-Shell Rock superintendent, said. "I knew it would be flooded by morning."

At its highest point, the floodwaters filled the school's basement and a foot of water stood on the main level. When the water receded, it left a crippled Irving behind.

"It smelled bad. The pretty blue tiles in the hallway were caked with filth, the basement steps were covered with mud," Jessica Koupal, a sixth grade student, said.

The weak Irving was a testimony to the power of the flood.

"It made me shiver a little, but I knew that was my school," Noelle Bean, a sixth grade student, said.

Irving Principal Roger Wilcox was in Hawaii during the flood. He said district staff and national news kept him informed.

"We're seeing national news...

talking about the Cedar River and the Cedar Valley and Northeast Iowa. And we're going 'wait, that's us,'" Wilcox said.

Wilcox said it was impossible to imagine what was happening in Waverly.

Clean-up begins

It was apparent the school was beyond repair.

"It was very sad walking into the old building knowing that there wouldn't be school in there this year," Catie Ponto, a sixth grade student, said.

Volunteers began emptying the building, saving what little the water had left untouched.

"When I came home, all the cabinetry was out on the lawn. They hauled everything out to the curb and the city would come pick up what was there, then they'd go back in and haul out more," Wilcox said.

Because of concern for contamination, nearly everything the water had touched was thrown away.

"The whole entire lawn was just a big pile of junk," Shayne Flannery, a sixth grade student, said.

Wilcox said the "throwing mentality" was difficult for many of the school's teachers.

"That's the hardest part for people who have been teaching for a long time. They collected a lot of personal things, whether it was gifts from kids or notes," Wilcox said.

District searches for solution

Knowing it was unlikely the

building would be suitable to open for classes in two months, the district turned its attention to the future of Irving.

"When we knew that we weren't going to be able to go back to Irving, it was 'okay, where do we go,'" Wilcox said.

School officials searched for a feasible plan. Earlier that spring, it was decided Shell Rock's fifth and sixth grades would be bussed to Irving in the fall. But that became

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uncertain as the district searched for a new location for the school.

Although it would be easier to find a separate building to house each grade, Wilcox said it was important that the two grades be in the same building because they share teachers, such as music and special education.

The district came across Willow Lawn Mall, located on the west side of Waverly. Its renters planned to vacate in October, but agreed to move out early.

After the building was vacant, 59 days remained to transform it into a school.

"The wall people would come in during the day and the electricians would come at night. The cabinets would be built off-site and then brought in," Wilcox said.

Community makes move possible

On Aug. 15, the first items were

moved across town. With the first day of school in three days, staff and volunteers worked around the clock to prepare for the arrival of students.

Vyverberg said hundreds of students, parents, community members and volunteers helped school staff prepare the building.

"I know there were some people there from Parkersburg, because our school had sent some kids to Parkersburg after the tornado in May," Wilcox said. "So when this happened to us, they had some groups that came and returned the favor."

Wilcox said it was overwhelming to step back from the whirlwind process and watch people maneuver carts of supplies through the halls as teachers gave directions.

Students anxious for new school

August 18 marked the first day of school. Some students were anxious, others were hesitant to be in a new place with new classmates.

"I didn't like the idea of coming to a new place," Poojan Patel said. "I was used to the old Irving and I wanted to stay there for sixth grade."

Others were just thankful the school bus had somewhere to drop them off.

"I'm so grateful I still have a school at all," Brielle Evans said.

"We actually have a building; I'm glad for that," John Shea said.

Challenges surface as year begins

The students adjusted to their new classmates and new sur-

roundings. But noise became an overlying challenge.

Gaps near the ceiling—necessary to utilize existing lights and ventilation systems in the building—means sounds travel.

"You have to speak with whisperers and you have to filter out the noise of the other rooms so you can hear your teacher and your classmates," Allison Foster said.

"It sometimes bothers me when the classrooms right beside us start singing or yelling," Nick Schlumbohm said.

Evans agreed with her classmate.

"When it's someone's birthday, everyone knows," she said.

During last fall's parent-teacher conferences, parents were asked about the transition.

Wilcox said noise was a concern for many, but most were satisfied and thought the transition for Shell Rock students was easy because of the new building.

A future for Irving?

Last month, the district revealed three designs for a proposed middle school. Construction of a middle school for the district's fifth through eighth grades had been discussed long before the floods, but the destruction of Irving and damage to two other schools made construction more urgent.

If school board members and residents approve the project through a bond referendum April 7, the building would go on district property between the America's Best Value Inn hotel and Bremwood.

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Look for more information about "Waters Revised" and the 2008 Waverly flood through these outlets:



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KNIGHTLIFE

Grads struggle to find jobs in weak economy

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Students are at Wartburg to get an education that will lead to a job. But the job market has been thrown off course lately with the current economic slump.

Several students who graduated in December have become frustrated with the current economy.

Shannon McCabe, a religion major, said her field of study is not in high demand right now.

"I guess I got myself into this mess," she said.

McCabe said she chose a major she enjoyed instead of one that would be more marketable in the current job market.

Derek Solheim, Pathways assistant director for career services, said he understands students' frustrations.

Solheim assists Wartburg students with the job search process. Finding a job right now, he said, is "so individually based on the major."

Although the job market has been gloomy recently, Solheim said there are things students can

do during college to improve their chances of getting a job when they graduate.

"The key is what you make of your college experience," he said. "You've got to find ways to stand out."

Courtney Anderson, a psychology major, said she has had to find ways to appeal to employers.

"Be thinking of how you differ from all other applicants," Anderson said.

While attending Wartburg, Anderson admitted she did not consider how the current economic situation would affect her job search upon graduation.

"It really didn't even faze me a whole lot until I graduated," she said.

Solheim has noticed this attitude among many students.

"I haven't seen students panicking," he said. "However, I have seen a heightened awareness of what's happening with the economy."

Solheim said many students are beginning to acknowledge the



nation's economic situation and are wondering how it will affect their future careers.

He said he and others are willing to help students who want to research the job market.

"There are many resources here on campus," Solheim said.

He said it is the students' responsibility to actually put these resources to use.

Another December graduate, Brittany Suiter, said she wished she would have done some research and found ways to make her communication arts degree more marketable.

She said she has noticed some

degrees are just not in high demand.

"As of now, I wish I would have had an accounting degree or some other business or nursing degree," Suiter said.

Anderson, on the other hand, has found that a lot of her friends who majored in business have been facing hard times in the job market as well.

McCabe said finding a job after graduation is frustrating, but trying to find one in the sinking economy seems to make things more difficult.

Solheim said students should recognize the job market's current

state, but he encouraged students to take a step back.

"I think you have to be careful in reading too much into the mainstream media," he said.

He said newspapers and news programs will always focus more on a company laying off its workers than on the company hiring hundreds of new employees.

Solheim said students should take time to find ways to make themselves more marketable. He said the current economy can be frustrating, but reminds students not to panic.

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'Pal Joey' cast ready for this week's performances



Photo Courtesy of Communication and Marketing
Rachel Vickers, Jordan LeClere and Mary-Kate Arnold rehearse.

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The musical "Pal Joey" will be performed in Waverly and revived in New York this weekend.

"Pal Joey" is at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19-21 in Neumann Auditorium.

The musical is a joint production by the music department and Wartburg Players.

William Earl, associate professor of communication arts, and Brian Pfaltzgraf, associate professor of music, are the directors.

"There's never a dull moment in the show. It's full of fun, dance and song," Mary-Kate Arnold said. Arnold plays the role of Gladys.

Earl said he and Pfaltzgraf narrowed down a list of 30 musicals and chose "Pal Joey."

Earl said they chose it for the challenge it would be for students.

"We had no idea they were going to revive it on Broadway."

The musical is set in Chicago in the late 1930s. It is the story of Joey Evans, a scheming man who dreams of owning his own nightclub. Evans abandons his girlfriend for a rich, married woman. He hopes this new woman

will help him in business.

"Pal Joey is actually the first anti-hero on Broadway," Earl said. "We don't find it strange, but in 1940 they did. Today, we don't have problems with musicals not having happy endings. In that time they wanted a happy ending, or at least a hopeful ending. There's no hope in Pal Joey."

"Joey gets with any woman he can. He's charming and lovable," LeClere, who portrays Joey, said. "He's the type of guy women love and men hate."

Earl said rehearsals are running well and the show is ready for an audience.

"It's something that Wartburg hasn't done before. The students tell me they like this show, they're having fun," Earl said.

The cast is looking forward to performing for an audience.

"You'll see dancing, comedy and gorgeous costumes. It is a '30s comedy with all sorts of word play."

Right when you think something will happen, something else happens," Rachel Vickers said.

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Coach to tell story of tornado

Ed Thomas to share life lessons in message during college's Spiritual Emphasis Week

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The Parkersburg community was forever changed on May 25, 2008. At 4:56 p.m., an EF5 tornado plowed through the small town.

When Ed Thomas and his wife emerged from their basement, their home was gone. That day, nearly 200 houses, 22 businesses, the city hall and Aplington-Parkersburg High School were blown off the map.

Since the tornado, Thomas has become a source of inspiration and faith in the community. Thomas is a government and economics teacher, athletics director, football coach and boys track coach at Aplington-Parkersburg High School.

Thomas' speech, "A Test of Character," will share the inspiring story of a community strengthened by destruction. He will speak during "The Gate" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in McCaskey Lyceum as part of Wartburg's Spiritual Emphasis Week.

"As a Christian, I saw the power that God has with the devastation that took place," he said. "But I also saw the mercy and grace that he showed the community."

After the tornado, Thomas promised God he would speak about his experience.

He will talk about taking a negative and making it a positive

and about how to deal with the choices in life.

"It's going to be about our situation here in Parkersburg and what we went through," Thomas said. "It's about dealing with adversity."

"I think...through adversity our faith grows, our character grows. It's the idea of helping one another. Of noticing people are hurting and lending a hand to those that need it."

Nate Palmolea, The Gate co-director, said Thomas is a perfect keynote speaker for Spiritual Emphasis Week.

"I believe that his experiences helping young people overcome disaster can be a great example to students at Wartburg," Palmolea said.

"He understands how to spread God's Word in a caring, non-threatening manner."

Thomas said the community's rebuilding efforts have been unbelievable.

"We have seen neighbor helping neighbor. Many times that doesn't take place because people are too busy," he said. "Our community, school and churches are going to be a lot stronger from what we have gone through."

In a community where everything stops on Friday night while the high school football team plays, Thomas is well known.

During 33 years of coaching at the school, he had one losing season and his teams won two state titles. Four of his players have gone on to play in the NFL, quite a feat for a high school that has 240 students.

Thomas has led life focused on more than winning and losing, something he teaches his students and players.

Every spring, he offers a leadership course in the mornings to football players who wish to be involved.

Athletes learn what leadership is about from their coach, who teaches them the concept of servant-leadership.

"It helps them understand what it's like to help others. Leadership is about putting yourself second and helping others," Thomas said. "They have a better understanding of what leadership is, they have a servant mentality."

Palmolea hopes Thomas' story will inspire the Wartburg community.

"As schoolwork picks up and students begin to worry about summer and post-grad plans, I believe Mr. Thomas' message of hope will put students at ease regarding their own personal struggles," Palmolea said.

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SPORTS

Knights finish week 1-1 in IIAC

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The Wartburg men's basketball team split a pair of games this week, dropping their game on Saturday to Cornell 70-46 in front of a home crowd and winning in Decorah against Luther 67-59.

In Saturday's loss against Cornell, the Knights were able to keep things close and were even able to take a six point lead with 8:29 left in the first half at 23-17, but the Rams were able to come storming back and take the lead going into halftime, 28-26.

At halftime, Jordan Sathoff had nine points while Kelly McCarville had seven points for the Knights. While the Rams were led by Joe Newcomb with six.

In the second half, it seemed as though nothing was working for the Knights as the Rams were able to jump out to a 10-point lead less than four minutes into the second half, 38-28.

The Rams were able to extend their lead to 65-39 with 4:25 left in the game.

The Knights had problems shooting in the second half, as they only were able to score 20 points. The Knights committed 14 turnovers in the loss.

Earlier in the week, the Knights came away from Decorah with a win over Luther, 67-59.

Defense was a big key for the Knights in this game as they held Luther to only 36 percent shooting.

"We played solid defensively until late in the game. We were able to hold scoring down. They like to play a possession game and walk the ball up the court. Our defense really had to sell out for the full 35 second shot clock," head coach Dick Peth said.

The Knights were led by Jordan Sathoff, who had 15 points and six rebounds in only 16 minutes of play.

"Jordan had a great game, he was very critical to our success. He is one of those players who will do anything to win," said Peth.

Peth also continued to say that the team was able to set up Sathoff and that breaking down the defense was a key for shooting 50% from the field.

Cole Danielson and McCarville also contributed 11 points each.

The Knights are currently 13-10 overall and 8-6 in the Iowa Conference and will face Coe on Wednesday in their final home



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Travis Temple dribbles against a Cornell defender in the 70-46 loss.

game of the year. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. in Levick Arena.

The Knights 1-1 week put them in the conference tournament as they currently sit in fourth, one game behind Loras.

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Luther's late rally holds off Knights

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minutes. With 13 seconds to go, a Wartburg foul sent Jewell to the free throw line for the Norse with Wartburg ahead 65-64. She made both attempts to put Luther in front by one.

Wartburg failed to respond and another Luther free throw to get the final score of 67-65.

"The Luther loss was tough, especially after we battled back to take the lead late. We had done a good job throughout the season pulling off those close games, but we made some critical mistakes over the two-three minutes of the game," Amsberry said. "We must use this game to be a better team

in similar situations."

Harrington was the Knights' leading scorer in this game as well, recording 19 points including five 3-pointers. Reiter brought in 13 while Van Sloten and Wilson both added nine points apiece.



Sharese Van Sloten

Van Sloten was the leader in rebounds with 11 boards and Katie Zittergruen added eight rebounds of her own.

The Knights' conference record is now at 9-5 with an overall record of 14-9.

With the win, Wartburg is now in a tie for

second place in the conference with Loras. They are also one game ahead of Buena Vista who is also in the IIAC tournament.

Wartburg will wrap up its conference schedule next week as they take on Coe College at home Wednesday. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. in Levick Arena.

"Coe brings a great post presence next week and we need to be prepared for another physical game against a very quality opponent. It should be a good game of contrasting styles," Amsberry said.

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All-Stars not for everyone

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they play for home field advantage in the World Series.

The MLB All-Star game is played by the American League and the National League and is just a baseball game, nothing fancy, in fact, kind of boring.

During the all-star break they also have a home run derby where the best home-run hitters in the league show off their power by hitting as many home runs as possible.

The MLB All-Star Break is sort of ruined as it is in the middle of the season and some players refuse to play because of a hangnail or their horoscope said that it was bad luck.

Two similar all-star games are the NBA and the NHL all-star games. Each are at the middle of the season, do not have anything on the line but pride and have a skills competition the day before.

The NHL All-Star game is a hockey game in essence, except there is a lot more scoring.

Although you may have the best goalies in net, you also have the best skaters on the ice, whom outnumber the goalie five to one. Yeah, those odds do not match up to 50-save nights.

With the best skaters and best goalies you get to see some great shots, amazing saves and many mortal enemies taking a time out and just having some fun.

The same cannot be said for the NBA All-Star Game. Although much like the NHL game with nothing on the line and a skills competition, there is really nothing special about the game itself.

The game is full of dunks, oops and no defense, so pretty much it is the exact same as every other basketball game in the NBA, except tickets cost more.

Honestly, if you want to see a cheap basketball all-star game, just go watch the Harlem Globetrotters. It is about \$20 a ticket and fun for all ages.

The final game is the NFL Pro Bowl. The NFL is the only major professional sport that has their all-star game at the end of the season and is truly just all-stars.

Not much to describe it other than that, oh and the fact that unless you have a plane ticket to Hawaii you will never see it.

Every all-star game has its all-stars but, sadly, not every all-star game has its fans.

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SPORTS

Whether it's academics or athletics, Knights excel

EMILY VAN OOSBREE STAFF WRITER

A recent USA Today article reported that student athletes are being told to change their majors to something easier so they can achieve academic and athletic success. Science majors were majors that some schools told athletes to avoid because they were too tough.

However Myron Rolle, a recently-named Rhode's Scholar, is a pre-med student and a former starter for the Florida State University football team.

While science majors are considered tough for athletes, student-athletes like Rolle and Wartburg's own athletes don't always agree.

Tim McKenna, a senior on the cross country and track teams, has already been accepted into the University of Iowa's Medical School.

He made his decision to attend Wartburg because of the national-caliber running programs and the exceptional education he would get in the biology department.

With his strenuous academic schedule, he often has to sacrifice social events to balance athletics and school, but he finds that running helps him in biology.

"School is a lot like athletics;

tests are like races for me. I have to prepare for both and do my best," McKenna said.

Although McKenna says he hardly ever feels stereotyped at Wartburg, Aaron Wernimont, another senior biology major, disagreed.

"Occasionally, I've come across different students that automatically think I'm not smart when they find out I'm a

sometimes feel a stereotype exists at Wartburg if athletes bring it on themselves.

"Being an athlete here is great; as long as you make sure you don't play into the stereotype. I think if there is any stereotyping at all, it generally goes away if the student-athlete is a good student, and doesn't do anything to make people think otherwise," Hemesath said.

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wrestler," he said. "Just because you may know an athlete who isn't doing well in school doesn't mean that all athletes are like that. In any group of people there will always be that person. It's not just an athlete thing."

Wernimont proves that the stereotype he sometimes feels is wrong. He is planning on going to dental school in the fall.

Two football players who plan on post graduate school next year, Marcus Hemesath and Kyle Goodchild, also said they

Because about one-third of Wartburg students are athletes, Goodchild believes getting to know athletes is essential in breaking down the stereotype.

"I think early in my career I felt stereotyped, but because Wartburg is a small college, you go through the same classes with people and they realize what you're capable of," Goodchild said.

Some athletes do not feel stereotyped at all. Angela Hartwig, a softball player who

is planning to attend physical therapy school in the fall, said she has never felt stereotyped.

"I think Wartburg is an exception to the stereotype because we place such a high importance on academics," Hartwig said.

In 2007, the average Wartburg student-athlete grade point average for fourth years was 3.12, compared to the non-athletes who averaged 3.22.

The larger state schools demonstrate that their athletes are also hitting the books.

Iowa State's student-athlete's average GPA in 2008 was 2.92, compared to the non-athletes with an average of 2.88, according to the Associate Athletic Director Steve Malchow.

The University of Northern Iowa found similar stats. According to the Director of Athletics Troy Dannen, the average GPA last fall for athletes was 2.99, compared to 3.05 for the entire student population.

Rachel Oswald, a senior on the soccer team, has managed to balance her athletic and academic goals to keep her GPA high.

She said that she has sometimes felt stereotyped because people think that just

because she has done well on the field that she has gotten something she did not deserve.

"Being an athlete while attending college has taught me valuable lessons, and I wouldn't trade it for anything," Oswald said.

Many Wartburg athletes show their dedication to academics through their future goals.

Some are planning on pursuing their education further in post-graduate school.

Kyle Duchman is a Wartburg graduate who has made his way into medical school after playing football for the Knights.

Duchman graduated from Wartburg last spring after playing football for four years and has recently been selected as the Duane Schroeder IIAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the 2007-08 academic year.

Rick Willis, Wartburg athletic director, said that the average GPA for athletes is normally similar to that of non-athletes.

He attributes this to the fact that most Wartburg athletes are mainstream Wartburg students.

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Knights run past competition at Pioneer Open

MAC SLAVIN SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg track and field teams brought home four first-place finishes and nine second-place finishes from the University of Wisconsin - Platteville Pioneer Open on Saturday.

"On the women's side, we had some really good performances across the board. Obviously there's a lot of room for improvement and we don't want to get ahead of ourselves but I think it was a success," head coach Marcus Newsom said.

The women were lead by a one-two finish in the 400-meter dash from Faith Burt and Jenny Kordick. Burt won the race in 58.64, and Kordick finished with a time of 58.69.

In the 800-meter run the Knights were able to capture three of the top four finishes. Amanda and Jennifer Kuiken finished in second and third place with times of 2:17 and 2:18 respectively. Becca Fagerlind was right behind them in third place with a time of 2:20.

"Anytime where you set up a position to finish two-three-four you feel pretty good about it and it gives us an opportunity to see where we are at and see what things we have to work on and to improve on," Newsom said.

Skye Morrison brought home a first-place finish in the long jump after jumping 5.56 meters. Hannah Baker came home with fourth with a 5.02-meter jump.

Baker also brought home a

second-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.03.

The 55-meter hurdles saw a close race as Wartburg's Kelsey Steffens and Loras's Barb Kremer both finished with a time of 8.34, but Kremer edged out Steffens for first place. Right behind Steffens was Brittany Thomas who finished the hurdles with a time of 8.56 in third.

"Our conference on the women's side is probably the strongest it's ever been in the 55 hurdles and for her to come out and have that level of performance against some very good competition I feel good about that as well," Newsom said.

In the high jump, Amber Axon and Alicia Ford finished two-three for the Knights respectively. Axon and Ford both successfully cleared

1.56 meters.

Nevada Morrison crossed the line in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.42, which was good enough for second-place. Laura Sigmund also came home with a second place finish as she took second in the mile with a time of 5:18.

In the long distance races Wartburg brought home a pair of third-place finishes from Lori Tlach and Sarah Moon. Tlach finished the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18.43, while Moon finished the 3,000-meter run, in 11:23.

The Knights had two teams in the 4x400-meter dash, a race that came down to the wire. Wartburg's 'B' team came out on top with a time of 3:55.33, while the 'A' team finished with a time of 3:55.39.

Another first place finish came from the 4x200-meter relay team, as they crossed the line after 1:44. The distance medley finished in second with a time of 12:08.

"On the other side of things I think the men are coming. We are making some progress. We have a couple weeks now and we have to mature to be able to go after our goals," Newsom said.

The men were led by third-place finishes in the field events. Skyler Ahrens came home in third in the long jump with a 6.54-meter jump. Damoan Lott also finished third in the triple jump after jumping 13.80 meters.

"Those are great performances for the guys in those jumps, and we are going to need those performances down the road come conference time," Newsom said.

Drew Johnson brought home fourth place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.00, while teammate Russell Harris finished in fourth in the 55-meter hurdles. Harris finished with a time of 7.98.

The Knights 4x400-meter relay team came home with a second-place finish, crossing the line after 3:24. A fourth-place finish came home with the 4x200-meter relay team after running a time of 1:34.

The teams will be back in action Saturday as they host the Wartburg Invite, with events scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m.

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Conference still a mystery

Men's basketball goes 1-1 against Luther and Cornell

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Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday - Wrestling @ IIAC Championships 10:30a.m.
@ Luther

Wednesday - Women's Basketball vs. Coe @ 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Coe @ 8 p.m.

Saturday - Track and Field @ Wartburg Invitational
@ 10:30 a.m.

Women's Basketball @ Central @ 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball @ Central @ 4 p.m.

Women solidify spot in IIAC tourney

PAM RODGERS STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team went 1-1 for the third-straight week in Iowa Conference play topping the Cornell Rams 71-45 at home and losing a close one against at Luther 67-65.

The Knights were in control from the start over the Rams. Cornell came back and tied it at 14 with seven minutes to go in the first half and that was the closest the Rams ever got to the Knights.

A Samantha Harrington jumper broke the tie and put the Knights back in the lead for good. Wartburg had a commanding lead at the half going into the locker room ahead 34-21.

The Knights' second half was stronger than the first as the offense lengthened the lead and the defense kept a tight hold on the Rams' offense.

"This was a big win for us and we now control our own fate for conference tournament seeding. We have positioned ourselves well leading into the last week of the conference season," head coach Bob Amsberry said.

Harrington was the leading scorer for Wartburg with 16 points. Close behind was teammate Leah Riley with 15, hitting a perfect five for five

from beyond the arc.

"Samantha Harrington continues to be a major offensive threat and her ability to stretch the defense has been critical to our success," Amsberry said. "Leah Riley really provided a spark off the bench for us by knocking down some perimeter shots and her play was really important in keeping Cornell's defense honest."

Stephanie Reiter helped out by recording 10 points. On the boards for the Knights was Sharese Van Sloten as she brought down 10 rebounds in the win.

Wartburg traveled to Decorah earlier in the week to take on the Norse. The Knights were on the board first after Leslie Wilson drained a jumper.

However, Luther was in control for the rest of the first half leading 36-25 when the buzzer sounded.

In the second half, the Norse remained in control, but the Knights did not back down and chipped away at the Norse's lead. With 7:39 left in the game, Reiter hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 51.

The lead changed hands four times within the next few

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Luke Shanno/TRUMPET

Sam Harrington sets up the offense during the 71-45 win over Cornell.

FROM BULLPEN

Is there a need for All-Stars?

DREW SHRADEL STAFF WRITER

Around this time of year there are sports that either reach the conclusion of their season or hit the half-way point.

As these sports do this, they perform in the most honorary game of the season or sometimes the biggest flop of the season, the all-star game.

Now the all-star game is different for all sports, for some it is just a game that shows off the league's best players. Others have circumstances on the line such as home advantage in the championship game or series.

Although some may think that every all-star game has the potential to be great or is good no matter what, some really are not what is expected.

To start with let's dive into the MLB All-Star Game. This all-star game has the most on the line as



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Two meets, two wins, propel tennis team to over .500

SETH DRURY ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's tennis team went 2-0 in their first home matches of the season as they ousted Dominican University 9-0 and Simpson 8-1.

In the first matches of the day the Knights faced off against Dominican. Things started well for the Knights as they swept the singles matches 6-0. Andrew Kahler, playing No. 1-singles, won

convincingly, 6-1, 6-3. At No. 3 singles, Aaron Masterson won 6-1, 6-0 over Louis Hernandez.

"In order for us to get wins and be successful we had to work the point and stay in the point long

enough to create errors on the opponents' side," head coach Ben Oestreich said.

Chris Gustas bounced back from a 3-6 deficit in set one at No. 3 singles. He beat his Dominican opponent 6-1, forcing a tie breaker in the second set.

"We only dropped one set in singles all day and we came back and won that match in a tiebreak 10-3, so I was really pleased and impressed with how complete, how focused and intense we were all day," Oestreich said.

In doubles, the Knights swept Dominican. At No. 2 doubles, Andrew Kahler and James Nguyen defeated Louis Hernandez and Bobby Herman 8-0.

"I was hoping we would come out excited to play at home especially to play on the courts that we practice on every day," Oestreich said.

In the Knights' second match of the day they faced off against conference foe Simpson. This was the first conference match of the year for the Knights.

Singles play for the Knights was highlighted by Kahler, Mullen,

Masterson and Gustas' second wins of the day.

On the doubles side, Wartburg dropped their first match of the day at No. 3 doubles as Wilson Walker and Masterson fell 8-5.

"It was really nice getting the win against Simpson. They have a new coach and we faced almost all new players from last year. It was good to see that we didn't lose a step in conference and gained more confidence," Oestreich said.

With the win the Knights improved to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in IIAC play.

The Knights will break until March 1 when they head to Hilton Head, S.C. to play four schools in four days.

"We're going to take this week off. We'll get together on Wednesday and then hit it hard. Our plan with our schedule was to hit it hard in January, step back away and then get started again starting off in South Carolina over break," Oestreich said.



Mac Slavin/TRUMPET

Pat Mullen returns a serve in his 6-2 singles win which helped the Knights to a 9-0 win over Dominican.

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